

**Introduced by Senators Padilla and Cannella**

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Senate Resolution No. 6—Relative to National Engineers Week.

1 WHEREAS, Engineers use their professional, scientific, and  
2 technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to  
3 solve problems; and

4 WHEREAS, Engineers have helped meet the major  
5 technological challenges of our time, from rebuilding damaged  
6 infrastructure after natural disasters, to designing an information  
7 superhighway that will speed our country into the future; and

8 WHEREAS, Engineers are a crucial link in transforming  
9 scientific discoveries into useful products, such as the creation of  
10 lifesaving biomechanics to help us live longer; and

11 WHEREAS, Engineers plan, design, and direct the manufacture  
12 or construction of nearly everything we interact with on a daily  
13 basis, from computer microchips to highways, roads, and bridges,  
14 residential and commercial buildings to automobiles and airplanes;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Engineers are needed today and in the near future  
17 to design and develop crucial infrastructure, including, but not  
18 limited to, levees and waterways, roads and bridges, and  
19 universities and schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Not only is a diverse and vigorous engineering  
21 workforce needed, but we also need to encourage young men and  
22 women to pursue the field of engineering as a career; and

23 WHEREAS, The 2007 National Academy of Sciences report  
24 entitled “Rising Above the Gathering Storm” highlighted the  
25 worrisome trend that fewer students now are focusing on

1 engineering in college at a time when increasing numbers of  
2 today's engineers are nearing retirement; and

3 WHEREAS, A 2007 report by the California Council on Science  
4 and Technology determined that California faces a persistent and  
5 critical shortage of fully prepared mathematics and science  
6 teachers; and

7 WHEREAS, National Engineers Week provides professional  
8 engineers, community groups, teachers, parents, and students with  
9 the opportunity to interact with and learn about the many facets  
10 of the engineering profession through special educational programs;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, National Engineers Week aims to increase the  
13 understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers  
14 and it also aims to promote literacy in mathematics and science;  
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16 WHEREAS, National Engineers Week is celebrated during the  
17 week of George Washington's birthday to honor the contributions  
18 that our first President of the United States of America, a military  
19 engineer and land surveyor, made to engineering; now, therefore,  
20 be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
22 hereby recognizes the week of February 20, 2011, to February 26,  
23 2011, inclusive, as National Engineers Week and acknowledges  
24 the services bestowed upon the citizens of California by engineers;  
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
27 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.